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DONOVAN DELLA CRUZ,
CHAIR OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HONOLULU HALE,
530 SOUTH KING ST.
HONOLULU, HI 96816

JOHN K. HO (OWNER)
ALA WAI PLAZA
500 UNIVERSITY AVE. #1123
HONOLULU, HI 96826
DATE: FEB 23RD, 2005

Dear CHAIR OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DONOVAN DELLA CRUZ,


I strongly oppose proposed legislation which would require sprinklers in condominiums in excess of nine floors and built prior to 1975.

All the evidence shows that fire fatalities in Honolulu occur in single-family dwellings, not condominiums. If the concern is safety, then these should be the object of the legislation.

The retrofitting would be extremely costly, devalue our buildings and apartments and worsen an already tight housing market. For persons on fixed incomes this would be disastrous.

On the logic of the proposal, automobiles lacking safety bags should be kept off the road and bridges should be reconstructed using the latest anti-earthquake technologies.

We could save many, many lives if we had laws forbidding hiking, surfing, sky driving, sport parachuting and driving at 50 miles an hour, but we rightly believe that the costs would be entirely out of proportion to the benefits.

Sincerely


(JOHN K. HO)

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Sincerely,
Georgette Wagner
500 University Ave #1112
ALA WAH PLAZA 96826
phone 941-3656

Dear Sir - I extend to you an invitation to tour our building & my apartment, and see how fire-safe we are. Our Building is solid concrete, with firewalls between apartments as well as between floors and ceilings! Not to mention the walls are 1ft thick. Our doors open to open walkways. Our elevator towers are separate from the apartment building and would be operative in case of fire. We have dry stand pipes at every stairwell landing, and hose & extinguisher boxes every 75ft along the walkways. I had a visit from the fire department said he couldn't see that a sprinkler system was necessary here! Please come see for yourself - my door is open to you, and I'd be proud to show you how well this 30^{yr} old Building is prepared without the need for this expensive retrofitting! Mahalo, Georgette Wagner 941-3656

Dear Mayor and Legislators:

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We strongly oppose proposed legislation which would require sprinklers in condominiums in excess of nine floors and built prior to 1975.

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Thank you.

Frank & Cynthia Abou-Sayf
500 University Ave., #324
Honolulu, HI 96826

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To: Donovan Dela Cruz <dmdelacruz@honolulu.gov>
Subject: Re: Sprinkler System

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Dear Mr. Dela Cruz, Chair, City Council,

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I strongly oppose the proposed legislation which would require sprinkler in condominiums in excess of nine floors and built prior to 1975.

All the evidence shows that fire fatalities in Honolulu occur in single-family dwellings, not condominiums. If the concern is safety, then these should be the object of the legislation.

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The retrofitting would be extremely costly, devalue our buildings and apartments and worsen an already tight housing market. For persons on fixed income like me this would be devastating.

On the logic of the proposal, automobiles lacking safety bags should be kept off the road and bridges should be reconstructed using the latest anti-earthquake technologies. We could save many, many lives if we had laws forbidding hiking, surfing, sky diving, sport parachuting and driving at 50 miles an hour.

We rightly believe that the costs of installing sprinklers in condominiums built before 1975 would be entirely out of proportion to the benefits.

Sincerely yours,

Agnes M. Niyekawa
500 University Ave., #2003
Honolulu, HI 96826

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Dear Mr. Dela Cruz,

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I am strongly opposed to the proposed legislation which would require sprinklers in condominiums in excess of 9 floors and built before 1975. One can only see that retrofitting all condominiums would not only be extremely costly, but also disastrous since it would devalue the building and apartments, as well as worsen an already tight housing market. This would greatly affect persons on fixed incomes, and since evidence shows that fire fatalities occur in single-family dwellings, condominiums should not be the focus. Most condominiums are built quite sturdy, with solid concrete, and would isolate the fire.

Sprinklers would do nothing but increase maintenance fees for residents and rent fees for renters, as well as devalue the buildings.

Sincerely,

Rachel Myers
Condominium resident

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Dear Sir & Madam,

I strongly oppose the proposed legislation which would require retrofitting sprinklers in condominiums built prior to 1975.

The vast majority of fire fatalities in Honolulu occur in single-family dwellings, not condominiums. If the propose of this legislation is to save lives, then the logical extension would be to require all single-family homes to be retrofitted with sprinkler systems.

The expense of retrofitting would be extremely costly, and in many cases, disastrous for low income or fixed income persons.

To paraphrase Mayor Hanneman: Does it make sense? Can we afford it? I firmly believe in both cases the answer is no. The cost / benefit ratio is too far out of proportion.

Sincerely,

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